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[contains a composite particle constructed such that at least part of a ' surface of a nuclear particle containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc as a constituent element is coated with one of;

a solid solution, and

an inter-metallic combound,

which are composed of an element included in said nuclear particle and at least one element, exclusive of the element included in said nuclear particle, selected from a group of elements in a\Periodic Table, comprising group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12\elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon,]

[and] wherein said solid electrolyte is a polymer gel electrolyte.

- 4. (Amended) The non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery of one of claim 1 and claim 2 wherein said polymer is one of a polymer and a copolymer including at least one monomer selected from [a] the group [comprising] consisting of acrylonitrile, vinylidene fluoride, hexafluoropropylene, tetrafluoro-ethylene, and perfluord-alkyl vinyl ether.
- 5. (Amended) The non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery of one of claim 1 and claim 2, wherein said polymer is a polyester polymer whose [main] structure is one of polyester and a derivative of the same.
- 8. (Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising;
- a positive electrode and a negative electrode capable of intercalating 3 and de-intercalating lithium;
- a non-aqueous electrolyte solution; and 5
- a solid electrolyte, 6

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wherein said negative electrode includes a plurality of composite particles, each composite particle includes: a central portion containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc; and a coating at least partially around said central portion, said coating including at least one of a solid solution and an inter-metallic compound containing a) at least one of tin, silicon and zinc, and b) at least one element selected from the group consisting of group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon; [contains a composite particle constructed such that at least part of a surface of a nuclear particle containing at least one of tin, silicon and zinc as a constituent element is coated with one of; a solid solution, and an inter-metallic compound, which are composed of elements included in said nuclear particle and at least one element, exclusive of the element included in said nuclear particle, selected from a group of elements in a Periodic Table, comprising group 2 elements, transition elements, group 12 elements, group 13 elements and group 14 elements exclusive of carbon, [and] wherein said solid electrolyte is a lithium ion conductive glasstype solid electrolyte.